

children, one of whom is still living in Utah. Mrs. Earl (Blanche) Roberts. After working in a sugar factory in Pesh, Utah, for 26 years, he moved to Heber in 1925 to run a shoe repair business. After the death of his first wife he married Essie Lamb of Farmington, Utah, in 1930. They reared three children while residing in Heber: Mrs. Glenn A. (Carol) McDonald, Mrs. Lynn (Elinore) Herron, and Mrs. Leland B. (Rosa Lee) Ivers. He continued his shoe repair business until 1941, when he retired.

JESSE LEVI HIATT



Jesse Levi Hiatt, third son of John and Elizabeth Sarah Hiatt, was born at Willard Idaho, on August 9, 1889. His family moved from Idaho to Vernal, Utah County, Utah, where he spent his childhood days. He attended elementary schools, also the Utah Academy at Vernal. Later he attended Northwestern University at Chicago, where he enrolled in the school of pharmacy. He became a registered pharmacist in Utah during the year 1913.

He married Essie Jayne Rich of Vernal, Utah, on March 23, 1911. To this union were born five sons and one daughter. The first child, Ronald Jesse, passed away at the age of four and was buried at Springville, Utah. The other four sons are now living in Heber: Maron R., Bernell R., Kay R., and Jay Lucas. The daughter, Nila, lives in Modesto, California.

In 1917, Mr. Hiatt came to Heber from Springville to manage the Palace Drug Store. This store was owned by Edwin D. Hatch, Emil Kohler, Andrew Murdock, Fred Giles and others. Later he became the owner of this store. In a few years the store building was purchased from the Hatch estate. It was remodeled, new stock and fixtures

purchased, and made a modern, up-to-date drug store. Then the Hiatt family bought the Arch Davis Barber Shop adjoining on the north. This building was torn down and a new one erected. Western Stores occupied this building until about a year ago, when the Stanley Title & Abstract Co. moved their office into it.

His life centered mostly around the welfare and education of his children. All four sons are registered pharmacists. At present they are serving this community. In 1954 the Hiatt brothers purchased the old Bank Bldg. on West Main Street, where they started a second drug store, known as the Valley Drug, with Kent as manager. These boys, like their father, are generous with their time and devote long hours in serving the people of this community to the best of their ability. Often Mr. Hiatt would be called to the drug store, just after he had retired for the night, to get medicines or other items for sick customers. Seldom did he spend a holiday with his family uninterrupted without a return trip to the drug store, sometimes more than once during the day. His was the lot of a country druggist and one of the fast-departing types of community and character builders. He was one who took pride in the progress and development of this community, and in every way tried to aid in the restoration of better health to its people.

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He passed away at the age of 59 at Heber on February 1, 1950.

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